GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:238
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Cold Storages
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cold storages established in the country from the grants provided by the Union Government, Statewise; and

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to launch a scheme for providing grants for establishing cold storages for agricultural crops and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 DUE FOR REPLY ON 1ST AUGUST, 2017.

(a) & (b): For storage and post harvest infrastructure of perishable agriculture crops like fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which includes assistance for establishment of various cold chain components i. e. packhouse, pre-cooling, staging cold room, cold storage, reefer transport and ripening chamber etc. The component is implemented through sub schemes of National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH).

The component is demand/entrepreneur driven for which assistance @ 35% in General areas and @ 50% in hilly and scheduled areas is available under MIDH. At present there are 7543 cold storages with capacity of 34.67 million MT in the country, out of which 4392 cold storages with capacity of 19.47 million MT have been created under MIDH. Statewise list of projects sanctioned under MIDH is at Annexure - I.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is also implementing Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) a sub scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) to improve/create scientific storage capacity for farm produce, processed farm produce and agricultural inputs etc., to reduce post harvest and storage losses. The scheme has two components (i) storage infrastructure and (ii) marketing infrastructure other than storage.

Under AMI sub-scheme, stand alone cold storage projects are not admissible for subsidy. However, cold storage as a part of a permissible integrated value chain project are eligible for subsidy provided the cold storage component is not more than 75% of Total Financial Outlay (TFO).

Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing Kisan SAMPADA Yojana, which includes component of creation of integrated cold chain. Statewise list of cold chain projects sanctioned under this scheme is at Annexure − II.